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--20. The combination of claim 4, further comprising a sealing head connected to said column.--

--21. The combination of claim 4 wherein said module is located entirely within said module receiving region.

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/137,278, filed August 20, 1998. The Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 USC §120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/137,278.

With this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants add a reference to the priority application, cancel claims 1-3 and 8-15, amend claims 5-7, and add claims 16-21. Support for the amendment is found in the specification and drawings as originally filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/137,278 and also filed herewith. No new matter is added.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Filed herewith is a check in payment of the excess claims fees required by the above amendments. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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